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MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN BRUNEI FOR TWO-DAY VISIT

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BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to begin a two-day visit to Brunei.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, arrived at the Brunei International Airport in a private jet.

Also in the delegation was Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and senior government officials.

They were met on arrival by Brunei Primary Resources Industry Minister Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awan Abdul Rahman Mohd Taib and his wife Datin Edah Mohamed Noor.

Dr Mahathir's visit is in conjunction with the sixth annual consultation between him and Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei. The fifth round was held in Kuala Lumpur last year.

Dr Mahathir and the Brunei Sultan would hold talks this evening at Istana Nurul Iman. Syed Hamid and officials from the two countries will also be present.

The Brunei Sultan will then host a dinner in honour of Dr Mahathir at Istana Nurul Iman.

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